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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the University Grants Commissionhas not paid any attention to the development of `Extra-Curricular Activities` in the campuses it recognises in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the UGC propose to fund such activities to increase student involvement in community activities and sports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it has been providing grants for development of sports infrastructure and activities in universities and colleges. The UGC is the implementingagency for the Scheme of Creation of Sports Infrastructure in Universities and Colleges, introduced by the National Sports Organisation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

As regards participation of students in community activities, the UGC has a Scheme of Adult and Continuing Education. Under the Scheme, the UGC provides funds to universities and colleges to undertake short-term courses, Certificate of Diploma Course for graduates and post-graduates, for equipping them with the necessary skill in changing socio- economic environment. The UGC further intends to support such universities and colleges, which are paying special attention for training of sports persons in different sports.